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CENTRAL FAX CENTER Attorney Docket: P17844**DEC 07 2006****AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the following paragraph of the specification, found as paragraph [0033] of U.S.

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Block 245 illustrates a processor 245 executing a VM 248 in dedicated mode. The processor 245 may include a memory element 242 to store the VM-ID of VM 248. Block 250 illustrates multiple processors 255 & 256 executing a single multi-processing capable VM 258. Both of the processors 255 & 256 may include memory elements 252 & 253 to store the VM-ID of VM 258. In this example, the two processors may store the same VM-ID and operation (shared or dedicated) mode. Block 260 illustrates a single processor 265 running in shared mode. The single processor 265 is responsible for executing two VMs, 268 & 269. However, the single processor 265 may be only capable of executing a single VM at a time, and, therefore, may time-slice between the two VMs. The processor may include a memory element 262 to denote the VM-ID of the particular VM that is currently being executed. In certain embodiments, the information stored and communicated across the system components associating to a VM may not be limited to VM identifiers, but could also include other operational or functional information that is relevant when executing the specified VM.